

# SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

**POSTGAME NOTES** ♦ FRESNO STATE 30, No. 21 / 20 SAN DIEGO STATE 20 ♦ Sat., Oct. 30, 2021 ♦ Dignity Health Sports Park (Carson, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	20	30
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 11:07</i> )	0:00	48:53
Total Plays-Yards	71-412	77-485
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	35-127	37-160
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	10 of 13 (76.9)	10 of 14 (.714)
First Down Plays/Yards	35/188	33/230
Average on First Down	5.37	6.97
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	18-76 (4.2)	19-92 (4.8)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	9-112 (12.4)	14-138 (9.9)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	0-0
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	1-15
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	1-4
First Downs Made	7	7
First Down Turnovers	2	0
First Down Touchdowns	3	2
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	6-14 (42.9)	9-18 (50.0)
Rushing (Pct.)	4-4 (100.0)	3-4 (75.0)
Passing (Pct.)	2-10 (20.0)	6-12 (50.0)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	2-(-15)
Conversion by Penalties	0	2
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	2-30
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	7.4	5.1
Yards Gained	90	170
Average Yards Gained/Att.	6.43	9.44
3rd & Long (9 or more)	1-5	0-1
3rd & Short (4 or less)	3-5	3-7
Third Down Turnovers	1	1
Third Down Touchdowns	0	0
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-0 (0)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	13/SDSU29	14/FS31
First Half	6/SDSU30	7/FS28
Second Half	7/SDSU28	7/FS34
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	5 (4/1)	9 (6/3)
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	21 (3/0)	20 (2/2)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	0/0	4/4
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	0 (0/0)	17 (2/1)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	2	4
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	1 (0)	3 (17)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	3-3 (21)	4-5 (24)
Plays-Yards	3-29	9-44
Third Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	2-2 (14)	0-0 (0)
Plays-Yards	2-10	0-0
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	5	5
Rushing	1	1
Passing	4	4
Yards by Quarter:		
First	62	97
Second	141	211
Third	119	92
Fourth	90	85

## STREAKS SNAPPED

- 7-game overall winning streak
- 6-game "home" winning streak
- 4-game Mountain West win streak
- 29-game streak of holding its opponents to under 450 yards of total offense (was longest streak in the country)

## THE SERIES

- San Diego State still leads the all-time series 30-26-4.
- San Diego State is now 17-12-2 against Fresno State at home (includes tonight's game played in Carson, California).

## TEAM NOTES

- SDSU allowed a Fresno State touchdown with 3:49 left in the first quarter. It was the first time the Aztecs have trailed in 236 minutes, 21 seconds (236:21), since Towson led SDSU, 7-0, with 5:36 left in the first quarter.
- San Diego State has forced at least one turnover in 21 consecutive games, which is the second-longest active streak in FBS play (Marshall, 22).

## TRENDING

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for the fifth time this season in eight games.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 25th time over the last 126 games.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for the eighth straight game (seven, three-and-outs or less) and the 63rd time since 2015 (83 games).
- The Aztecs fell to 52-9 the last 61 times they have scored at least 20 points in a game.
- SDSU fell to 13-4 in the Brady Hoke era when totaling at least 400 yards of offense.

## PLAYER NOTES

### \* Elijah Kothe, Sr., WR (4 rec., 105 yds.)

Had a career-high 105 receiving yards with all coming in the first half ... His 105 yards easily eclipsed his previous high of 45 against Fresno State on Nov. 15, 2019 ... Also tied a career high with four receptions (also at New Mexico State on Sept. 14, 2019).

### \* Greg Bell, Sr., RB (15 att., 63 yds., 1 TD)

Scored his sixth rushing touchdown of the season and 12th of his career ... Now has six overall touchdowns this year and 13 for his career ... Now his 24th all-time at SDSU with 1,305 yards in 15 games.

### \* Tyrell Shavers, Jr., WR (2 rec., 39 yds., 1 TD)

Caught his first touchdown pass as an Aztec ... Now has two career touchdown catches (also at No. 6/5 LSU on Sept. 26, 2020 while playing for Mississippi State).

### \* Lucas Johnson, Sr., QB (14-for-31, 220 yds., 1 TD, 2 INT | 8 att., 60 yds.)

Dropped to 3-1 as the starting quarterback this season ... Set a career high for passing yards, breaking 200 for the first time of his career ... Threw his fifth touchdown pass of the season and seventh of his career (sixth as an Aztec) ... Threw just his second and third interceptions of his Aztec career.

### \* Will Haskell, TR-Fr., QB (3-for-6, 27 yds., 0 TD, 0 INT | 2 att., 10 yds., 1 TD)

Scored his first career rushing touchdown ... His 27 passing yards were a career high.

### \* Matt Araiza, Jr., K/P (2-for-2 PAT | 6 P, 38.8 avg., 5 I20, 52 LG | 3 KO, 65.0 avg., 3 TB)

Finished with a career high with five punts inside the 20-yard line ... Also had three touchbacks in three kickoffs ... Missed a 55-yard field goal, which would have been a career long ... Now is 3-for-6 this season on field goals of at least 50 yards.

**\* Cameron Thomas, Jr., DE (8 tackles (4 solo), 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL)**

Led the team in tackles ... Now has 5.5 sacks this season and 12 tackles for loss, both which lead the team ... Over the last 11 games, has 69 tackles (37 solo), 19.5 tackles for loss and eight sacks.

**OTHER NOTES**

- TE Daniel Bellinger and LB Caden McDonald each started for the 25th consecutive game, the longest streaks on the team (offense/defense).
- LB Caden McDonald played for the 42nd straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- S Trenton Thompson and CB Tayler Hawkins each played in their 51st game of their career, the most played among current Aztecs.
- S Patrick McMorris recovered his first career fumble.
- DT Jonah Tavai had his second sack of the season and seventh of his career.
- Tonight's temperature was 60 degrees.
- SDSU's Honor Warrior was Akbar Gbaja-Biamila (1999-02).